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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION EXPANDS

ARMENIA INCREASES RURAL ELECTRIFICATION -- Kommunist, No 41, 19 Feb 49

During 1948, electric lights were installed in four villages of Aginskiy Rayon, Armenian SSR. Preparations are being made to electrify 15 kolkhozes.

Kolkhozes of the villages of Lantshik, Gusanagyukh, Noraber, Tavshankishlag, Agin, Koshavank, Bagravan, and Kharkov and Agin MTS will be the first to receive electric power.

Plans have been made to construct an electrically-operated flour mill and to electrify agricultural labor processes.

ELECTRICITY FOR OS'MINSKIY RAYON -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 39, 17 Feb 49

During 1949, electricity will be brought to 41 kolkhozes of Os'minskiy Rayon, Leningrad Oblast. The Artels imeni Krasin, "Dobrovolets" and "25 Otktyabrya" have already been provided with electric lights. An electric lighting system is being installed in many artels. Gas-operated generators will provide electricity for the kolkhozes.

KAZAKH SSR BUILDS MORE POWER PLANTS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 33, 18 Feb 49

"Kyzl Otktyabr'" and "Sotsializm" Artels and the Artels imeni Lenin and L. M. Kaganovich, outstanding grain artels of Uygurskiy Rayon, Alma-Ata Oblast, pledged to construct hydroelectric power plants by the opening of the Fourth Congress of Bolsheviks of Kazakhstan.

During the month, a hydroelectric power plant with a capacity of 25 kilowatts was constructed by high-speed methods at "Kyzl Otktyabr'" Kolkhoz with the assistance of workers of the foundry and machinery plant of the Ministry of State Farms, the cloth factory, and the repair and machinery plant.

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AZERBAIDZHAN PLANS RURAL ELECTRIFICATION -- *Pravda*, No 55, 20 Mar 49

The Power Engineering Institute imeni I. G. Es'man, Academy of Sciences Azerbaydzhan SSR, is completing preparation of a detailed plan for extensive rural electrification in Azerbaydzhan. According to a decision of the 17th Congress of the KP(b) Azerbaydzhan, the plan is to be put into effect within the next few years.

The text of the plan will contain 40 volumes with hundreds of maps, charts, and tables. It was prepared with the help of 60 scientists and specialists, including electricians, hydrotechnicians, hydrologists, geographers, topographers, geologists, agriculturists, economists, and others. The power resources for each rayon, such as reserves of water and wind energy, and local fuel, have been determined and calculated. The electric power requirements of each kolkhoz, sovkhos, MTS, and rayon center have been studied, taking into consideration the economic development until 1965.

According to the plan, rural electrification of Azerbaydzhar will be effected primarily by erecting large interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plants, many of which will be built on rivers and irrigation canals. Some of them, with a capacity of from 500 to 6,000 kilowatts, will service ten or more kolkhozes.

LATVIA PLANS FURTHER ELECTRIFICATION -- *Krasnaya Zvezda*, No 66, 20 Mar 49

Although Latvia has great hydroelectric power resources, electrification of her economy has been slow in developing. The tenth Congress of the KP(b) Latvia made a tentative 15-year plan to establish a uniform electrification system throughout the Latvian SSR. The total capacity of all rural electric power plants will be increased to 210,000 kilowatts.

The foundation of the Latvian electrification system was laid last year: the Republic built six hydroelectric and 10 steam-electric power plants; electricity was installed in 15 kolkhozes, 8 sovkhos, and 6 MTSs.

During the current year, construction will be started on 21 additional interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plants, with a capacity of 150-250 kilowatts each.

LITHUANIAN ELECTRIC POWER OUTPUT INCREASES -- *Sovetskaya Litva*, No 39, 17 Feb 49

Lithuanian electric generator capacity has achieved its prewar level. The generation of electric power is 66 percent higher than the prewar level.

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